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METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION

FOI: THERMOPLASTIC STIFFENING 26694
MATERIAL USED FOR MANUFACTURING SHOES, AND A

AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

 $\label{eq:Amendments} \textbf{Amendments to the Claims} \text{ are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2} \\$ of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.